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THOMAS JACKSON,

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Hongkong, May 15, 1890.

NOTICE.

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1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

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5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, November 12, 1890.

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Hongkong, April 20, 1890.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

In accordance with the Provisions of No.

104 of the Articles of Association of the General Managers have This Day declared an Interim DIVIDEND for the Half-Year ended 30th June, of EIGHT PER CENT. upon the Paid-up Capital.

Dividend WARRANTS will be issued to

Shareholders on FRIDAY, the 8th August.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th July until the 8th August, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 23, 1890.

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NOTICE.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

In accordance with the Special Resolution of 23rd July, 1888, the General Agents have To-day declared an Interim DIVIDEND for the Half-Year ended 30th June, of FIVE PER CENT. upon the Paid-up Capital.

Dividend WARRANTS will be issued to

Shareholders on FRIDAY, the 8th August.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd until the 12th August, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 26, 1890.

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NOTICE.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL, BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now Open to receive VISITORS.

The BEDROOMS are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious DINING ROOM, SITTING ROOMS, and Accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

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WINES, SPIRITS, MALT LIQUORS, &c. of the best quality only.

C. BOND, Manager.

14th July, 1890.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Chairman of COMMERCE, Room 1, City Hall, at 12.30 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 5th August, to confirm the following Resolution passed at the Meeting held this Day.

Resolved that Mr. C. S. Taylor and Mr. H. Wicking, elected by Shareholders, and the Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. L. Poessnecker, elected by the Directors, and be hereby appointed a Committee to investigate, examine and report upon the working of the business of this Company.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 19, 1890.

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

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Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

1230

SUNDAYS.

WEEK DAYS.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 noon to 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. half hour.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. quarter of an hour.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

Special CARDS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Admission TICKETS are sold in the Cars.

Five-Cent COUPONS and REDUCED TICKETS at the Office.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1890.

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THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

THAT Suite of OFFICES on the First FLOOR of the Company's Premises in CHURCH STREET, at present occupied by MCLEOD & CO., will be let on LEASE for one year.

With immediate possession, ONE ROOM

available for an OFFICE, with entrance from Queen's Road.

Possession from 1st March next.

Also,

TWO GODOWNS on the GROUND FLOOR

which can be let in connection with the above Office, or separately as desired.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

9 p.m. to 10 p.m., 11 p.m.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., half hour.

TELEGRAMS.

(STEAMER TO THE CHINA MAIL.)

(Via Southern Line.)

CRICKET.

London, 20th July, 1890.

The All England Club has won the match by seven wickets against the Australian Team.

THE BEIRING SEA DISPUTE.

A sharp diplomatic correspondence is published between the English and the United States Governments on the seal fishery dispute. Each refused to make any concession.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PARADE SURE CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Lloyd, July 1; Bombay, Glenelg, 4; Calcutta, 4; Orissa, 8; Ningpo, 11; Amoy, 11; Aden, 12; Galley of Lorne, Glenelg, 12; Kobe, 13; Pusan, 13; Singapore, 13; Glenelg, 22; Alterno, 25.

HOMeward Bound.—Mool, July 1; Ching-tse, 1; Calcutta, 1; Glenelg, 1; Hongkong, 1; Moulmein, 15; Dardanelles, 18; Camargou, 18; Glenelg, 22; Glenarm, Menzies, 25.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. Congo, with the French mail of June 27th, left Saigon on Sunday, July 27th, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, 30th July. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on May 22.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Oriental, with the Eng. Mail of July 4th, left Singapor on Sunday, the 27th July, at 8.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 31st July. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on May 29th.

The s.s. City of Rio de Janeiro, with the American Mail of July 6th, left Yokohama on the morning of July 28th, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Aug.

The N. G. I. s.s. Dusky, left Singapore on the 23rd July, and may be expected here on or about the 29th July.

The Ben Line steamer Benvenue, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 24th July, and may be expected here on or about the 30th July.

The Shire Liner, s.s. Curnardine, from London, etc., left Singapore on the 25th July, and may be expected here on or about the 31st July.

The D. R. A. D. Co.'s s.s. Asia, left Singapore on the 26th July, and may be expected here on or about the 1st Aug.

The Glen Line's s.s. Glenayre, from London, left Singapore on the 27th July, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Aug.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Bombay, left Singapore for his port on July 28th, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Aug.

The P. & O. Co.'s extra s.s. Lombardy, left Dumbay for this port on the 23rd July.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Samson, left Shanghai for this port on the 24th July, at day light.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamer Bombay left Singapore for this port on the 26th instant, at 4 p.m., as extra boat.

We hear that the Shaodien concession, consisting of the coal mines at Dong-tran, has been sold to a London syndicate for £150,000, half cash, half shares.

The Budget of Indo-China has been prepared. In spite of an economy of four million francs in the military service, three millions of the sum have to be utilized to balance the budget.

Weather permitting, the following golf match will be played on Saturday next, at 4.30 p.m.—Navy and Civil Service v. the Club. Members wishing to play will kindly send in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than 4 p.m. on Friday.

It is said that all the European employees in Tonkin of the Compagnie des Charbonnages de Tonkin—engineers, clerks, &c., have struck work on account of a difference with Mr. Xavier Chaufour, the managing director.

Giant damage has been done by floods in Hanoi and the surrounding districts. The Red River was at its extremities above low-water mark. The Clear River and the Black River have also risen and flooded their banks.

Another arm in the estuary of the river was brought before Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day, charged with being in possession of eighteen imitation dollars. The complainant, Police Constable G. Thom, and he found the accused in a house in Pound Lane. Besides the bad dollars there were found in the room several punches and other implements and some copper bracelets which had been severed over. The accused who said he was a kind of thief admitted a previous conviction for the same offence. He was fined £10 for each of the forged coins, with an alternative of three months' hard labour.

FATIGUE TUESDAY has commenced an action at Haiphong against Mr. Edward Chamberlain, from whom he claims £10,000 for work done in connection with the negotiations with the Annamite Government for the Hong Kong concession. Mr. Chamberlain, who appeared for the plaintiff, criticised the defendant's action over strong language. The defendant roundly contended that the plaintiff being an Amritite, was a stranger to the British Courts, and must therefore take action deposit £4,000 as guarantee of expenses. Plaintiff's counsel contested this point. The Hong Kong colony does not set what the decision will be, and so Chamberlain's action is naturally kept secret till the whole matter.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPONG DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are requested to inform that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, H.M.S. of the Company's FORTRESS should be sent to the Head Office, No. 10, Fauna Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1890. 1456

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship.

Capt. S. ASHTON, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 31st Inst., at

11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, July 29, 1890. 1337

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers through rates for NINGPO, CHFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship.

Capt. Wm. Price, will be

despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1890. 1342

Occidental & Oriental Steam-

Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

THE Steamer OCEANIC will be

despatched for San Francisco, via

Kobe and Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the

31st July, 1890, at 1 p.m. Connecting

being made at Yokohama, with steamers

from Shimonoseki and Japan Port.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and Japan Port,

SAN FRANCISCO, VICTORIA, B.C.,

and P. R. ILAND, to Atlanta and the

land Cities of the United States, via Over-

land Railways to Houston, Trinidad, and

Despatched to ports in Mexico, Central

and South America, by the Company's and

connecting steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-

land, France, and Germany by all trans-

Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco 2.50

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available for 6 months.

To Liverpool 225.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportion-

ate rates. Special reduced rates granted to

Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service

and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be

obtained on application.

Passenger by this Line have the option of

proceeding Overland by the Southern

Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,

Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific

Railway.

Passenger, who have paid full fare, re-

embarking at San Francisco for China or

Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be

allowed a discount of 10%. This concession

does not apply to through fares from China

and Japan to Europe.

Concurrent Invitations to accompany Cargo

destined to points beyond San Francisco

in the United States, should be sent to the

Company's Office, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 304, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARTRAN, Agent.

Hongkong, July 29, 1890. 1348

Particulars of the Lot.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of

CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,

to be held on TUESDAY, the 5th day of AUGUST, 1890, at 4

P.M., by Order of His Excellency the

Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999

years.

By Command,

W. M. DEANE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Hongkong, 19th June, 1890. 1336

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction

Sale, to be held on TUESDAY,

the 5th day of August, 1890, at 4

P.M., by Order of His Excellency the

Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, in the

Coastal Districts of the Colony of Hongkong,

for a term of 999 years.

CHARLES S. WHITNEY, British ship, Capt.

Geo. D. SPENCER—RUSSELL & CO.

Capt. John Murray—TUNER & CO.

VENERITY, British barque, Captain R. Martin—CHINA.

Hongkong, July 29, 1890. 1318

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CONCURRENT INVITATIONS to accompany

Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco

in the United States, should be sent to the

Company's Office, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or

Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 10, Fauna Central.

C. D. HARTRAN, Agent.

Hongkong, July 29, 1890. 1318

Particulars of the Lot.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE SONGEL KOYAH PLANTING

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

T is hereby given that unless the

SECOND CALL of 85 per cent due

the 7th June, 18

A woman, a cook, and a hawk were brought before Mr. Wedderburn in the Police Court to-day, charged at the instance of a Chinese District Watchman with stealing a gold watch and chain and \$8, the property of a man named Frank Bymaster. The complainant said he was Bymaster about 10 p.m. last night when in a ricksha in Sutherland street. The first prisoner and two other men lifted the European out of the vehicle, laid him on the ground and then proceeded to search him. When the complainant came up, the men bled. The case was remanded.

The financial depression which has fallen on Hongkong also seriously affected Japan. Investors in Hongkong may perhaps derive some consolation from the fact that Japan has begun to recover. Three months ago, says the *Japan Mail*, everything pointed to very serious eventualities in the money market, but by skilful management the feeling of uneasiness has been dissipated. Public securities and the shares of companies are recovering from the depreciation that overtook them in the early part of the year, and confidence is said to be again restored. Add to this that the price of rice maintains the downward tendency noted in these columns some time ago, and it will appear extravagant to say that times have changed. Our contemporary gives a table of fourteen important securities, out of which twelve show a marked appreciation.

M. KLOSKOWSKI, Consul for France at Yokohama, who has just returned from Tonkin, whither he went to attend the inauguration of the statue of his father-in-law, Paul Bert, paid a visit to Hongkong and Keibao, in company with M. Nicolas, Administrator Principal of Cochin China. *Le Courier d'Haiphong* contains a very high-flown description of their impressions. Our contemporary says that the coal is superior in two points to Tashima and Miike, and that in three months, instead of putting out 60 tons per day as at present, 600 tons will be put out. In the concessions of Hongkong and Keibao there are about 2,500 natives employed, four-fifths of whom are reclaimed pirates. *Le Courier's* description abounds with such words as phenomenal, extraordinary, marvellous, immense riches and so on, but as our contemporary is not altogether independent of the company, a good deal of discount must be made.

ADVICE by mail from Japan confirms the sad news already published of the death of Mr. Alfred Lister. It appears that Mr. Lister gradually sank from the time he left Hongkong until he died, at 5 a.m., on the 15th July, three hours before the *Belgic* arrived in Yokohama. It is needless to say that everything was done on board by the Doctor of the steamer, which medical skill could accomplish, and that the passengers from Hongkong did what was possible to assist the deceased in his last moments. Mr. Lister was unconscious for at least twelve hours before he died, and he passed away as peacefully as a child going to sleep. Mr. Goodman made all the arrangements for the funeral at Yokohama, and a goodly number of old Hongkong friends followed the body to the cemetery. Among those who attended the funeral were—H. B. M. Consul (Mr. Embie), Mr. Moss (Consular Court), Messrs G. W. Baird and W. G. Bayne, Mr. Goodman (Attorney General, Hongkong), and Mr. A. Johnston, passenger from Hongkong, Messrs Gower Robinson, Daniel, Hodges, E. Scott, the Doctor and Purser of the *Belgic*, and several others.

TELEGRAPHIC communication with the North over the Chinese lines is still demoralized owing to the floods on the Yellow River. We are told that the lines are carried across the river on the masts of moored junk, and that when the river rose these floating supports were carried away with the natural sequence of the snapping of the wires. But we can hardly believe that it may have been fired from some boat at practice in the harbour and ricocheted on to the island.

John Livesey, recalled, said—After the accident one of the Sikhs on the island took me into the basement of the tower and showed me where he thought the deceased had got the shell. He pointed to a heap of pieces of old iron, drills, etc., on a ledge of a window.

Mitt Singh, Acting Police Sergeant at Stonecutter's Island.—There are four Sikh constables there watching the magazine.

I don't know where the deceased got the shell from. I never saw the shell before his accident.

His Worship said he was disengaged to close the inquiry without further evidence.

He was somewhat doubtful about the theory of the shell having got off the island by a ricochet during practice.

Mr. Livesey said he had seen such a thing happen.

The inquiry was further adjourned till Wednesday, 6th inst., at noon.

It is stated a vote of \$5,000,000 is to be asked of the Japanese Parliament to meet the cost of construction of headquarters and men of war.

A few days ago Mr. Meyer, a German engineer, who has been engaged by H. E. Chang, lung to start a gun factory at Wuchang, left Shanghai for his post.

Over 20 steamers, states a native paper, are lying idle in Fushiki harbour, unable to ship their cargoes of rice owing to the resistance of the poor there and at Takao. Many of the vessels are chartered for rice, but too strict a watch is kept by the people over the tolls it is proposed to ship.

According to the native papers it is rumoured that the Taung-tien Yamen has favourably considered the representation made to that body some time ago by the Cantonese rice-millers through the Foreign Consuls and Commissioner of Customs, praying for the withdrawal of the prohibition of the export of rice from Wuhan.

This is what a Colombo local paper says of the rice mills which to many Shanghai residents are a mystery. The mines of Marshall basin now look as wild as they did at present. The smugglers and Shredders are unable to secure business sufficient to get down their ovens and packers are now trying to buy more. The mines too are not working full force on account of the ore piling up. Hurry up that railroad.—*N. C. Daily News.*

Some time ago we announced that a college for the study of trade and commerce in China, with its centre in Shanghai had been founded by the Japanese Government. In the *Japan Gazette* of the 10th inst. we find the following paragraph, which shows that the scheme is being actively carried out.—H. I. B. Prince Arisugawa Taruhito on Monday visited the Kosei Kwan Tokyo, in connection with the study of China-Japanese trade and addressed words of encouragement to 150 apprentices who are going out to China.

At Osaka a Chinese firm was, it is said, recently robbed of the modest sum of \$100,000 by one of its Chinese employees, known among his Japanese fellow-workmen as Tama, who absconded and has not yet been arrested. A reward of \$300 was offered for his arrest or for information leading to his apprehension, and that was increased to a reward of \$500 for information leading thereto. The man is described as being 35 or 36 years of age and a fluent speaker of Japanese. It is believed he is disguised and hiding in the country.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT STONECUTTER'S ISLAND.

Mr. Wedderburn heard further evidence at the inquiry into the death of Police Constable Jivan Singh, who was killed on the 24th instant in the explosion of a shell at Stonecutter's Island.

John Livesey, recalled, said—I have been at Stonecutter's Island nearly nine years. I have no idea where the shell came from. There has been gun practice recently by boats from the navy, on the south shore. They were firing out to sea I think, but I don't know. I only heard the sound of firing, they were concealed from me by the hills. The last day of firing was the day of the accident; I could not say when they stopped that day. There are magazines belonging to the batteries on the island. I don't know what men-of-war's boats are.

John Treadwell, bombardier, No. 30 Battery Southern Division, R. A., said—I have been stationed at Stonecutter's Island since the beginning of July. The shell in court seems to be a 6-pdr. Hotchkiss shell. There are shells of that description at Stonecutter's Island. They are kept in the shell store at the South Shore Battery. They are kept in cases. The store is kept locked and is in charge of the district gunner. I don't know which of the district gunners looks after the Hotchkiss shells. The master gunner in charge of the district will be able to say. The stores are underground. It would be quite impossible for the deceased to have got a shell from the stores. I don't know what the gunner does. I have not been aware of any shell or artillery practice at the island lately. Practice might have taken place without my knowing it. The volunteers have no stores of their own on the island. The district gunner cannot give out shell to the volunteers without an order from Major Arbutnott, who is in charge of the district. I have no idea how the deceased got hold of the shell. It may have been an old shell that he had picked up on the beach or he might have found it in his quarters. I don't see how it could have been left behind after practice, owing to the precautions that are taken. It may have been fired at something, but I do not know what the shell pointed to. And at Stonecutter's Island I have not been aware of any shell or artillery practice at the island lately. Practice might have taken place without my knowing it.

The volunteers have no stores of their own on the island.

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John Livesey, recalled, said—After the accident one of the Sikhs on the island took me into the basement of the tower and showed me where he thought the deceased had got the shell. He pointed to a heap of pieces of old iron, drills, etc., on a ledge of a window.

Mitt Singh, Acting Police Sergeant at Stonecutter's Island.—There are four Sikh constables there watching the magazine.

I don't know where the deceased got the shell from. I never saw the shell before his accident.

His Worship said he was disengaged to close the inquiry without further evidence.

He was somewhat doubtful about the theory of the shell having got off the island by a ricochet during practice.

Mr. Livesey said he had seen such a thing happen.

The inquiry was further adjourned till Wednesday, 6th inst., at noon.

IN THE PUBLIC GARDENS.

When I first arrived a stranger in these parts (indeed I am little better now) and was being "seen round" by a resident, we passed an open gateway at the foot of a flight of stone steps, overhung with foliage.

Enquiring where this might lead I paused before the gate in hope that we might make a diversion here. In answer to my question my guide simply replied "Public Gardens," but he betrayed a certain anxiety to get me past the spot at which I still lingered. "Public Gardens," I echoed in surprise. "I understand Hongkong possesses one, but why is it our own? Is it because of us?" "Pooh," he replied, "they are not worth seeing—come along, or we shall miss the train." Picturing his perplexity, and concluding that for some reason these Gardens were not the place for a resident to be seen in, I submitted to being led away, scarcely distinguishing however to take the first opportunity of exploring the region on my own account. My guide's strange

conduct lent just a suspicion of mystery somewhere, sufficient to keep my resolution good. But now that my intention has been carried out, so far from saving my difficulty, I find myself in a slight, even unanswerable quandary. A vague hope of a solution to these forthcoming difficulties is my excuse for relating what follows.

When I ascended that broad flight of stone steps for the first time birds and insects were chirping merrily amongst the broad leaves of the Candleberry-tree, overhanging them. A growth of luxuriant fern sprouting up amongst rockwork filled the cool shadows on either hand. A choice of four pathways lay at the top of the slope, and as this arrangement did not admit of a middle course I was perplexed which to take. So making a wheel of fortune of my walking stick I shortly found myself wandering along a pathway with strange things and shrubs growing upon the closely-trimmed lawns on either hand. But as yet I had no sign of human life, at which I wondered more as I continually observed fresh evidence of the care and design with which these grounds had been laid out. The sense of mystery which seemed to pervade the air was in no degree lessened, but rather increased by occasional reminiscences of the Singaporean colony.

The Singaporeans are prohibited that residents avoid these grounds. For though at times a resident may essay to walk a few paces, yet he must needs be always closely followed by his Chair, being liable at any moment to be overcome by the heat.

Or perhaps he might meet with a gradient, or a hill, or a slope, and so have a watch to keep. Sunday is the day of the week when the Singaporeans render themselves physically incapable of ascending gradients by the means which renders them fit at their disposal. (Indeed it may be that they are unaware of the very existence of this little Paradise in which I have been wandering.) If this be the reason, it shall hold no longer, even though I destroy this charm of solitude.

Chirrup of solitude much, but is there no charm in this picture too?

I see these pathways tangled with a bright and moving throng. The sounds of music float upon the evening air. The fountain is lavishly throwing showers of sparkling diamonds amongst the gold-fish. Even the austere countenance of the old bronze bear, or pedestal seems to wear a look of benevolence. And as the longheing shadows fade in the dusk, as they are doing now, perhaps some old remembered air calls up visions of home, and of bygone days in the old country we all hope to see again.

EPSILON.

July 28th, 1890.

SUPREME COURT.
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour Mr. Fielding Clarke,
Acting Chief Justice,
Tuesday, July 29)

CHAN KUN CHUEN v. J. P. WEBER—AN
ABSCONDING SOLICITOR AND HIS CREDITORS.

The Acting Chief Justice gave his decision to-day in regard to the claim by Mr. Robert Fraser Smith to certain books and furniture belonging to the defendant in this suit. Mr. Fraser Smith appeared in his own behalf, and Mr. Mossop represented the plaintiff in the suit, Chan Kin Chuen.

His Lordship and the document which the claimant had relied upon as entitling him to claim possession of the goods in question was, no doubt, in its plainest form a bill of sale within the definition of the ordinance, but the ordinance went on to provide that unless certain formalities were observed with respect to a bill of sale, which it was admitted were not observed in this case—the document was void.

Therefore he must hold that the document produced was void under the provisions of the ordinance. But the question that was raised whether the possession that was given by Mr. Fraser Smith in this case was possession taken under this bill of sale or whether it was possession taken with reference to an independent and subsequent agreement arrived at between Mr. Fraser Smith and Mr. Webster.

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[No. 8591.—JULY 29, 1890.]

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UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamer *SUSSEX*,
1,248 tons Register, Captain Holt,
will be despatched for VANCOUVER,
B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO, via INLAND
SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on
THURSDAY, the 7th August, at Noon.
To be followed by a STEAMER,
2nd August; *DA TAI*, 4th September;
STRATFORD BELLE ISLE, 18th September;
and *ABYSSINIA*, 2nd October.

Connections will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Japan, Ports, and at
Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, by the
regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast
Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To Vancouver & Victoria (Mex.) \$100.00
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To Liverpool 275.00
To London 290.00

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ate rates.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points in the United States,
should be sent to the Company's Offices,
addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District
Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the 6th August.

All Passages must be sent to our Office
and should be marked to address in full;
and the same will be received by us until
6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,
apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 24, 1890. 1316

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTYC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO
ONDON, BAYRE AND BORDEAUX.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

V.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bill
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of July,
1890, at 4 p.m., the Company's
Steamship *SACHSEN*, Capt. K. v. GÖTTSCHE,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London, as well as for Marseilles, and ap-
peared in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
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in the 30th Instant, 1890. (Parcels are not
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the Agency's Office.) Contents and value
of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

On CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 18, 1890. 1285

Mails.

NOTICE
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
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MERCHANT VESSELS in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusively of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commanding at
Kowloon Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *A*, near the Kowloon shore *B*, and those in the body of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *C*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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| 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. | Section |
| 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. | 1. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. |
| 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. | 2. From Blue Buildings to East Point. |
| 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office. | 3. From Kollie's Island to North Point. |
| 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Padler's Wharf. | 4. From North Point Wharves. |
| 6. From Padler's Wharf to the Naval Yard. | 5. Jardine's Wharf. |

SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM WATERS.

WHAMPOA.
Vessel's Name. Flag & Rig. Destination.

Kungpui Chi str. Shanghai

Yik Brit. str.

AMOY.

In port on July 20, 1890.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

Diamond Brit. Strathaven Brit.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Claro Bahyan Brit. bge.

Theresa Brit. bge.

FOOCHOW.

In port on July 16, 1890.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

Benlawre British

Hacchun Chinese

Tartar British

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Rewa Brit. bge.

Walter Siegfried Brit. bge.

SHANGHAI.

In port on July 16, 1890.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

Anshin Maru Japanese Nagasaki, &c.

Bessia German

Chungking British

Diomed British

Feilung British

Fuh-wo British Hankow &c.

Fungchun Chinese

Han-an Chinese Hankow, &c.

Kiang-yi Chinese

Kung-yi British

Kwang-Lo Chinese

Malabar British

Nanchang British

Nowchwang British

Oanta British

Oxus British

Palamed British

Parthis British

Piping Chinese

Poochi Chinese

Sachsen German

Sakio Maru Japanese

Sinn-cheng French

Store Novolike Danish

Sutieh British

Whampoa British

Y-ling British

Yungching Chinese

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Chas. S. Whitney Brit. sh.

Lucia Brit. bge.

N. B. Lewis Brit. sh.

Pectolus Amer. sh.

NAGASAKI.

In Port on July 16, 1890.

Kotaki Maru Japan. bge.

YOKOHAMA.

In port on July 14, 1890.

Austrians Brit. sh.

Columbus Ger. sh.

Eclipse Amer. sh.

Eleanor Margaret Ger. sh.

Hilaria Brit. sh.

Locania Brit. sh.

St. John Amer. sh.

HIOGO.

In port on July 15, 1890.

Anne Bertha Ger. bge.

Celeste Burill Brit. sh.

City of Hankow Brit. sh.

Francis Amer. sh.

Guiana Brit. bge.

John Currier Amer. sh.

Kate F. Troop Brit. bge.

Macedon Brit. sh.

San Joaquin Amer. sh.

Santa Clara Amer. sh.

Snow & Burgess Amer. sh.

MANILA.

In Port on July 14, 1890.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

Isla Mandana S.S. str. Liverpool

Mount Carmel Brit. str. uncertain

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Earl Graville Brit. str. uncertain

Helga Brit. str. San Francisco

John D. Brewer Amer. bge. United States

Queen Elizabeth Brit. str. discharging

Sonora Norv. bge. discharging

ILIOILO.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Fooling Suey Haw. bge. United States

Senator Amer. sh. Sandy Hook

RANGKOK.

In port on July 10, 1890.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Aurora Brit. bge.

Bua Pan Siam. sh.

Charon Wattanadit bge.

Bilesor Norv. bge.

Harito S. Siam. bge.

Harmonio Swed. bge.

Jupiter Swed. bge.</p